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1. WE NOTE ANKARA SUGGESTION PARA FIVE REF A THAT USG TELL GREEK CYPRIOTS WE ARE CONVINCED GOT'S OBJECTIVES IN VAROSHA ARE LIMITED. DEPT SHOULD BE AWARE OF FOLLOWING INFORMAL EXCHANGE WHICH TOOK PLACE EARLIER IN AUGUST.

2. IN REF B WE REPORTED THAT ON AUG 4 TURKISH AMBASSADOR ONHON ASSURED CHARGE THAT "THERE ARE NO PLANS AT PRESENT TO OPEN ANY MORE (THAN THE CONSTANTIA AREA) OF THE TOWN OF VAROSHA." IN THAT CONVERSATION, HE IMPLIED THAT HE HOPED WE WOULD PASS THIS INFORMATION TO GREEK CYPRIOTS.

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3. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATIONS IN MID-AUGUST WITH FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES AND DIRGEN PELAGHIAS, AND IN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS FROM THEM, DCM PASSED ON ONHON'S REMARKS. THEY TOOK NOTE BUT DID NOT COMMENT. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH THEM AND OTHER GREEK CYPRIOTS WE HAVE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THERE ARE NO SIGNS ON THE GROUND THAT MORE OF VAROSHA IS TO BE OPENED. (THIS WAS BEFORE KENNEDY AVENUE STREET SIGNS WERE CHANGED--GOC IS AWARE

OF THIS DEVELOPMENT.) WE HAVE ALSO NOTED THAT ASIDE FROM ECEVIT AND GUNES JULY 21 STATEMENTS, ALL PROVOCATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE BY TURKISH CYPRIOTS AUTHORITIES; GOT HAS BEEN SILENT.

4. THUS, WE BELIEVE GOC IS FULLY INFORMED THAT GOT HAS NO CURRENT PLANS TO OPEN MORE OF VAROSHA AND HAS NEVERTHELESS MADE ITS DECISION TO GO TO SECURITY COUNCIL. THE GREEK CYPRIOTS RECOGNIZE THAT THEY CANNOT DO ANYTHING TO PREVENT THE CONSTANTIA OPENING BUT INTEND TO TAKE EVERY POSSIBLE STEP TO MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR TURKS AND TURK CYPRIOTS TO TAKE FURTHER BITES OF VAROSHA. THE GREEK CYPRIOTS PROBABLY ALSO BELIEVE THAT BRINGING VAROSHA TO UNSC WILL FOCUS INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION ON CYPRUS PROBLEM. THIS FULFILLS A CONTINUING OBJECTIVE OF GOC TO KEEP WORLD OPINION INVOLVED.

5. IN SUM, WE BELIEVE GOC WILL NOT BE DETERRED FROM PRESSING FOR EARLY UNSC MEETING. IT HAS JUST BEEN ANNOUNCED THAT FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES DEPARTS FROM NEW YORK AUG 28. AS OF 10 A.M. AUG 27, HE WAS MEETING WITH UNSYG SPECREP DE CUELLAR, PRESUMABLY TO DISCUSS HIS TRIP TO NEW YORK.

6. "TFSC FONMIN" CHELIK LEFT CYPRUS AUG 26 AND ARRIVES NEW YORK AUG 28. HIS STATEMENT TO PRESS ON AUG 26 ACCURATELY REFLECTS TURKISH CYPRIOT VIEWS ON UNSC RECOURSE:

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QUOTE THE GREEK CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION HAS MADE ANOTHER RECOURSE TO TUE UN SECURITY COUNCIL FOR PROPAGANDA REASONS. THE SECURITY COUNCIL, WHICH IS THE MOST AUTHORITATIVE ORGAN OF THE UN, CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO DISCUSS, AND ESPECIALLY TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION, ON THE ISSUE OF MARAS (VAROSHA), WHICH IS ENTIRELY A DOMESTIC ISSUE. THE AIM OF THE GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE IS TO KEEP THE CYPRUS PROBLEM ALIVE AND TO INSURE GAINS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CYPRUS PROBLEM BY MEANS OF MISLEADING WORLD PUBLIC OPINION.

--THE RESULTS OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS WILL BE AFFECTED AND THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS WILL BE RENDERED MEANINGLESS IF THE UN ADOPTS A RESOLUTION IN CONNECTION WITH MARAS. CONSEQUENTLY, DOMESTIC ISSUES WHICH CONCERN THE TWO SIDES MUST NOT BE DISCUSSED AT THE UN. SO LONG AS THEY OBTAIN RESOLUTIONS IN THEIR FAVOR, THE GREEK CYPRIOTS WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE RECOURSE TO THE UN AND NOT TO ATTACH IMPORTANCE TO THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. WE HAVE MADE SUFFICIENT STATEMENTS EXPRESSING OUR VIEWS AND STAND REGARDING THE ISSUE OF MARAS. THERE IS NOTHING MORE TO ADD TO THEM. END QUOTE.

7. SUBSEQUENT TO DRAFINING ABOVE, AMBASSADOR HAD SHORT TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES, WHO CONFIRMED HE ARRIVES NEW YORK EVENING AUG 28 ON OLYMPIC AIRLINES DIRECT FLIGHT

FROM ATHENS. CHRISTOPHIDES SAID HE HOPED GOC WOULD HAVE
US SUPPORT IN NEW YORK. AMBASSADOR SAID WE MADE NO BONES
ABOUT THE FACT WE WISH THE WHOLE CYCLE OF RECOURSE TO UNSC
ON VAROSHA, WHICH IS SO DISRPUTIVE TO THE INTERCOMMUNAL
NEGOTIATING PROCESS, HAD NOT BEGUN. CHRISTOPHIDES
RESPONDED GOC IS WELL AWARE OF US VIEWS. ALL FACTORS
HAD BEEN WEIGHED AND GOC FELT STRONGLY THAT DECISION
TO GO TO UNSC WAS THE ONLY VIABLE ONE AVAILABLE.

8. THUS, THIS PARTICULAR HORSE WOULD SEEM TO BE OUT OF
THE BARN DOOR.
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